

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a client-server-document repository system, a secure method of print-by-reference includes sending, from the client to the printer, user credentials to release a document, a delegation credential for permitting the printer to print the document and the address of the document; verifying, at the printer, the user's credentials and the delegation credential; sending, from the printer to the document repository, printer credentials, the delegation credential and the address of the document; verifying, at the document repository, the printer's credentials and the delegation credential; providing the document to the server; and printing the document. The client may be a wireless device such as a cell phone or personal digital assistant.